LGBTQ+ Health Program Newsletter

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LGBTQ+ HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES

See details and submit an activity proposal here!

Submit by 9/9 (Tues) at 12pm!

✨ Lead a Community Activity! ✨

Evening of Queer Joy 2025: Here to Stay/Slay

Get ready to celebrate, because Evening of Queer Joy (EOQJ) 2025: Here to Stay/Slay ✨ is just around the corner! You won't want to miss Stanford Medicine's largest annual LGBTQ+ community gathering. **Save the date for October 22nd (Wed) in the Center for Academic Medicine Building** (exact times TBD) - it's going to be a Queer takeover!

This year, EOQJ will feature a variety of Activity Lounges designed to foster connection and creativity amongst attendees. **We're on the lookout for artists, writers, dancers, spiritualists, and hobbyists of all kinds to lead these community activity sessions!**

Bring your talents and passions to the table! We welcome a variety of activity ideas, such as:

- Zine-making magic
- Bracelet/bead workshops 🌈
- Astrology / tarot / oracle readings 🔮
- Line dance / Social dance class
- Poetry and reflective writing sessions
- Community building circles 💔
- Clothing / accessory swaps
- Open mic sessions
- And any other skill(s) you'd like to share with the community!

EOQJ is by us, for us, and about us; your skills and contributions will help make our 2025 event truly special. **If you're ready to lead/facilitate a community activity session, share your activity proposal with us at the link in the sidebar by 9/9 (Tues) at 12pm for review.**

Thank you for sharing your creativity, time, and energy with us. Let's be Here to Stay/Slay in full force, and make Evening of Queer Joy 2025 a night to remember!

See details and apply here!

Final Deadline: 9/14 (Sun) 11:59pm!

🌈✨ Join the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet! ✨🌈

Want to improve connection and employee experience? You're invited to join the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet!

As a member of the Subcommittee, you will collaborate with fellow Stanford Medicine staff, students/trainees, and faculty to carry forward initiatives to improve LGBTQ+ inclusion and experience.

Here is a selection of our Working Groups' AY24-25 accomplishments:

- **Employee Well-Being Working Group**: Published the LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Guide featuring 300+ Stanford and Community resources
- **Evening of Queer Joy Working Group**: Hosted the best-attended annual *Evening of Queer Joy* (so far!), and organized 6 OUTing community events
- **Trainee Well-Being Working Group**: Designed and distributed the *Student/Trainee LGBTQ+ Inclusion Survey*, which received 200+ responses (analysis underway)

Eligibility/Application: Any Stanford Medicine employee or student/trainee is eligible to apply. Please see details and **complete our application at the link here by 9/14 (Sun) at 11:59pm for consideration**. Current members should complete an abridged attestation to confirm your continued commitment, at the same link.

For any questions or more information, please contact Weichen Ling (wvling@stanford.edu).

Register here!

"Teaching Gender-Affirming Care" Community Play-Testing Events

When - Two dates available:

- Monday, September 15th, 10AM - 6PM *(1 hr time slot)*
- Tuesday, October 28th, 10AM - 6PM *(1 hr time slot)*

Where: D-CORE Space, lower level of Lane Medical Library (300 Pasteur Drive) *(subject to change)*

"Teaching GAC" is an educational visual novel that follows three focal transgender/gender diverse patients - Roc, Viola, and Olivia - throughout several primary care visits to meet gender affirmation and additional health needs. Read more about the characters and the project on our website, here!

Step into the role of a new provider as you prescribe and optimize hormone therapy, counsel patients around surgical affirmation, navigate care considerations for TGD adolescents, and more.

What to Expect:

- 🎮 Hands-on gameplay experience
- 💬 Opportunities to share your feedback, suggestions, and make your mark on this innovative educational module
- 🏆 Raffle prizes (including a LGBTQ+ Health Program embroidered denim jacket!) to mark your achievements
- 🍪 Light snacks to fuel your adventure

All are invited to participate in this play-testing event, regardless of clinical or lived experience. Please feel free to share this invitation broadly, and bring friends along! 🌟

Want to participate, but can't make this date/time or live outside the Bay Area? Virtual options are available!

Add your name to the Teaching GAC mailing list here (scroll to the bottom of the page), and we'll keep you in the loop about ongoing/upcoming opportunities!

Register here!

OUTing Community Event: Personal Reflections Through Tarot, Oracle, and Astrology

When: Thursday, September 18th, 5 - 7PM
Where: Center for Academic Medicine Great Room (453 Quarry Road, 3rd Floor)

OUTings are a series of social events, hosted by the LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet, for community building and connection.

The LGBTQ+ Subcommittee of the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet invites you to join us for astrology, tarot card, and oracle card readings by Stanford Medicine community members!

No experience with tarot, oracle, or astrology is needed - ALL are welcome to participate. Details at the registration link in the sidebar; we hope to see you there!

Register here!

LGBTQ+ Health Grand Rounds

Advancing Prostate Cancer Research Among Sexual and Gender Minorities

When: Tuesday, September 23rd, 12 - 1PM
Where: Virtual via Zoom

PRESENTED BY:
Marvin Langston, PhD, MPH (He/him)

Assistant Professor of Epidemiology & Population Health and Urology (by courtesy)

Dr. Marvin Langston is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health, member of the Stanford Cancer Institute and the Urologic Cancer Epidemiology Lab. A trained epidemiologist, his research focuses on urological cancers—particularly prostate and kidney cancers—with an emphasis on health equity. His current work includes optimizing prostate cancer screening protocols and identifying survivorship care needs for sexual and gender minority populations.

Stanford Medicine LGBTQ+ Health Program Annual Enterprise Event

When: Monday, November 3rd, 5:30 - 8:00PM
Where: Center for Academic Medicine Grand Rounds Room (453 Quarry Road, 1st floor, Palo Alto)

Join us for LGBTQ+ Health Program Enterprise Event, where we will share our 2024-25 Program Updates & Accomplishments as well as our future directions for work.

Food will be provided! Please RSVP by 10/27 (Mon) to help us confirm attendee headcount.

RSVP here!

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note: While the LGBTQ+ Health Program seeks to connect our community with a variety of events, resources, and opportunities, external listings do not constitute formal endorsements by Stanford.

Sponsored by the Faculty Staff Help Center

Register here!

LGBTQIA+ Conversations with Colleagues

When: Thursday, September 4th, 10:00 - 10:50AM
Where: Virtual via Zoom

This is a queer and trans affirming discussion group for staff, faculty, and post-docs. The group aims to create a space where LGBTQIA+ community members can connect and talk about topics of interest, moments of excitement, and challenges they are facing. The group centers the experience of LGBTQIA+ people, while being open to all. Based on the availability of Help Center staff, group facilitators may or may not be Queer-identifying and/or Questioning.

Can't make this session? No worries - Conversations with Colleagues take place every month! Click here to see the full list of meeting dates/times.

Email to RSVP with Kate at Architects FORA

Hosted by Eden Housing, Architects FORA, and the County of Santa Clara

Focus Group on Affordable Housing for LGBTQ+ Seniors in San Jose

When: Thursday, September 4th, 11:00AM - 12:30PM
Where: The Q Corner, San Jose

In partnership with Eden Housing and the County of Santa Clara, the team at Architects FORA is designing a new affordable housing community for LGBTQ+ seniors on East Santa Clara Street in San Jose. They want to hear directly from the community so the future building reflects the needs, priorities, and spirit of its future residents.

Anyone Age 55+ and LGBTQ+ identifying can participate. A $100 gift card and lunch will be provided to attendees as a thank-you for your time.

If you're eligible and interested or know someone who is, please RSVP with Kate at kate@architectsfora.com or 805-807-0371.

Full event listing here!

QUEST September 2025 Community Events

Lunchtime Meetup
When: Thursday, September 11th, 12 - 1:15PM
Where: Outdoor Patio Tables outside Voyager Coffee in CoDA Building (389 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford)

Join your host Ralph Tietjen (he/him) for another summer installment of QUEST Bring-Your-Own-Lunch. Pack your lunch or pick something up in the dining hall and look for QUESTies with the rainbow decor – see the map below for the approximate meetup location. All are welcome! Come mingle with fellow Stanford employees in a fun casual atmosphere.

Virtual Coffee Chat
When: Thursday, September 17th, 9:00 - 10:00am Pacific Time
Where: Virtual via Zoom (stay tuned on the QUEST Slack Channel for registration link!)

QUESTies have asked how we can create a virtual space for folks who can't make it to in-person gatherings. As we learn what makes virtual gatherings a hit, we hope you'll join your host Ralph Tietjen (he/him) for an hour of casual conversation with plenty of collective care to go around. Register your attendance today to be a part of the conversation!

Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, September 30th, 4:30 - 7pm
Where: Treehouse at Tresidder Memorial Union (459 Lagunita Dr)

The Queer University Employees at Stanford (QUEST) invite you to a happy hour at The Treehouse - Stanford Historic Campus. All are welcome! Come mingle with fellow Stanford employees in a fun casual atmosphere.

Can't make these times? No worries - QUEST events take place every month! Click here to see the full list of upcoming activities and socials.

Register here!

Virtual Fireside Chat for Stanford Alum: Groundbreaking LGBTQIA+ Health Research at Stanford

When: Thursday, September 11th, 4:00 - 5:00PM
Where: Virtual via Zoom

The PRIDE Study and Stanford Pride co-present a special virtual fireside chat exclusively for the Stanford alum community!

Join us for Groundbreaking LGBTQIA+ Health Research at Stanford, a conversation with Dr. Mitchell Lunn, Stanford MD ’10, Co-Director of The PRIDE Study, facilitated by Chris Middleton, Stanford Psychology ’16, JD ’21, Stanford Pride Board Member.

Dr. Lunn will share his experiences as co-founder of The PRIDE Study, based at Stanford Medicine, which is the first national, online, longitudinal, prospective cohort study of the physical, mental, and social health of all adults who identify as LGBTQIA+. You’ll have the chance to ask questions and learn more about the latest research findings how you can get involved. A limited number of FREE swag bags for The PRIDE Study will be available to mail to attendees! Register at https://tinyurl.com/FiresidePride

RSVP to let us know you’re attending!

Register here!

Gender-Affirming Voice Center: Options for Care

When: Tuesday, September 16th, 6:00 - 7:00PM
Where: Virtual via Zoom

Stanford Health Care's gender-affirming voice center can help you adapt your voice in a way that is safe, authentic, and conforming to your gender identity. Join our laryngologist and speed-language pathologist in a safe space to learn more about our voice care options for adults and ask questions about gender-affirming therapies and care.

Speakers
Brian Anthony Nuyen, MD

Clinical Assistant Professor,
Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery

Betsy (Elizabeth) Stickels, MS, CCC-SLP
Speed-Language Pathologist

Topics - Options for voice care:

- Individualized training and exploration
- Community support groups
- Surgeries and procedures

Contact
Submit your questions in advance to: TGNCVoice@stanfordhealthcare.org

Learn more about how our gender-affirming voice center can help you or make an appointment by calling 650-723-5281.

Register here!

Cardinal Kick-off Mixer: Pride Across the Board

When: Sunday, September 21st, 5:00 - 6:30PM
Where: Arguello Field and Courts, Stanford

Are you interested in meeting new undergraduate and graduate students? Looking for an opportunity to mingle with current students and alumni from various LGBTQ+ student organizations? Join us on Sunday, September 21, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at Arguello Field on campus!

Enjoy non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks while listening to pride-themed music. Co-organized by GradQ, GSB Pride, LGBTQ+ Postdocs, OutLAW, oSTEM, and Stanford Pride, this mixer is a wonderful opportunity for both friendships and mentorships to blossom!

RSVP today to help us make sure we have enough food and drinks, and let us know your favorite snacks and drinks. We hope to see you there!

Register here!

Caminar's LGBTQ Programs Presents:
I'm Coming Out Benefit Show

Caminar is a Bay Area non-profit providing mental health and substance use treatment services that prioritize clients' unique needs and well-being through expert, compassionate care.

When: Saturday, October 11th, 3 - 6PM
Where: San Jose (95134); exact address will be shared with registrants

Caminar is thrilled to officially announce "I'm Coming Out!" - our Drag Show & Fundraiser, happening October 11, 2025 on National Coming Out Day! Hosted by Caminar's LGBTQ+ Programs, this all-ages event will raise

vital funds for LGBTQ Youth Space, LGBTQ Wellness, and the HEART Program.

Join in for an afternoon of:
🎤 Fierce drag and variety performances
🎶 Music and community building
📚 Local resources and info tables
🍪 Light refreshments
🏠 Drop-In Center tours
🎉 and plenty of fun!

Donations are welcome but not required to attend. Every dollar goes straight to supporting Caminar's essential 2SLGBTQIA+ services.

🎟️ RSVP for FREE by visiting http://dragfundraiser.eventbrite.com/

Register here!

Presented by the Santa Clara County Division of Equity & Social Justice

7th Annual LGBTQ+ Summit: Together, We Rise

When: Friday, October 24th, 9AM - 3PM
Where: Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center

The annual LGBTQ+ Summit is back! This inspiring event brings together Santa Clara County community members, employees, service providers, and allies to celebrate inclusivity and collective strength.

This year's theme, TOGETHER, WE RISE, highlights the power of coalition building - uniting across identities, communities, and movements to create lasting change. Through thought-provoking keynotes, interactive workshops, and meaningful networking, attendees will explore how building inclusive coalitions can break down barriers, amplify marginalized voices, and strengthen our resilience.

Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and rise together!

Get your FREE tickets today!

Get your tickets here!

Hysterical: Hairy Situation—
A New Comedy Show by ALOK

When: Saturday, October 25th, 7:30 - 9:00PM
Where: Bing Concert Hall (327 Lasuen St, Stanford)

Over the past few years, transphobia has flared up like an allergic reaction, which is why ALOK thought it would be an amazing time to hard launch their career in Hollywood. Now that's what we like to call impeccable comedic timing!

ALOK's literary works "Beyond the Gender Binary," "Femme in Public," and "Your Wound, My Garden" have garnered global recognition, and their dynamic presence has captivated audiences in over 40 countries with sold-out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and the Netflix is a Joke Festival. Their first comedy special BIOLOGY! was executive produced by Christopher Guest, and they are the subject of the docu-short "ALOK" executive produced by Jodie Foster and directed by Alex Hedison, which debuted at the Sundance Film Festival in 2024. On screen, they can also be seen in Complicated Order, The Trans List, and Absolute Dominion (forthcoming). On television, they can be seen on HBO's Sex Lives of College Girls, Sort Of and Random Acts of Flyness, Hulu's Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne, and Netflix's Gender Agenda Comedy Special and Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness.

In their new standup show, ALOK keeps finding themself in hairy situations: being mistaken as a mega-famous Brazilian DJ, botching TikTok makeup tutorials, and signing up for an appointment at the European Wax Center. This unmissable evening is flippant and fabulous, wicked sharp, and delightfully silly.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Resources for those Affected by Layoffs

The Stanford community has assembled a collection of unofficial resources to support those affects by Layoffs.

Please see relevant links below, including an opt-in Community Directory for connection and networking.

Many thanks to Matt Nazario-Miller, M.Ed. (he/they/él/elle), who has led these community efforts

- Unofficial Stanford Layoff Community Directory
- Unofficial Stanford Layoff Resources Folder

Study details here!

Sponsored by the Eidos LGBTQ+ Health Initiative

Bridges Study: Contribute to Research Enhancing Workplace Inclusion!

Are you a professional working in healthcare of a social services field looking to cultivate a stronger sense of belonging at work?

We're recruiting paid research participants to test a digital program developed by ProChange Behavior Solutions and the Eidos LGBTQ+ Health Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania to support workplace belonging and well-being.

Whether you're early in your career, navigating a new role, or part of an underrepresented group in your organization, participating in this research offers an opportunity to foster belonging in your own workplace and improve inclusivity for many others.

If you are interested in participating, or know someone who might be, visit the *Bridges* study website to register today!

See the LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Guide here!

LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Guide

The LGBTQ+ Subcommittee (Employee Well-Being Working Group) of the Stanford Medicine Diversity Cabinet is pleased to present a newly created resource, the LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Guide.

This is an info compilation of over 300 on-campus, local, and national LGBTQ+ resources across the following categories:

➤ Stanford Groups / Listservs
➤ Stanford Benefits
➤ Local Centers / Orgs
➤ Local Affirming Providers
➤ LGBTQ+ Owned Businesses
➤ Career/Mentoring Opportunities
➤ Research / Journals
➤ News / Magazines

We thank our partners at Queer University Employees at Stanford (QUEST) for hosting the Resource Guide on their website here. The LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Guide is publicly accessible - please feel free to share broadly!

Job description here!

Assistant Director, Queer Student Resources (QSR)

Queer Student Resources (QSR) at Stanford University is hiring! QSR, an office within the Division of Student Affairs, is seeking a new Assistant Director to join our team.

This role is central to advancing our mission of fostering learning, belonging, and flourishing for all Stanford students.
We are committed to supporting students, learning from their lived experiences, and responding to their evolving needs with creativity, care, and purpose.

Priority deadline has elapsed, however applications are still being accepted. Apply now to be considered!

Indicate your interest here!

Call for Interview Participants!

QSR Oral History Archive (QSRCHIVE)

QSRCHIVE (QSR Archive) is an act of community care and an attempt to document queer life at Stanford from Queer Student Resource (QSR)'s perspective and through our curiosity.

About Queer Space Project

Queer people have always found ways to exist and be together, and there will always be a need for queer spaces.

Read our archive mission statement in full here.

Please complete the interest form if you are interested in contributing to the Queer Space project as an oral history interviewee. To participate you must be a Stanford student, alum, or Stanford affiliated. Interviews will be one hour in length (in person and online options available) and participants will receive $50 for their time, labor, energy, and contribution to this archive. Anonymous participation is available.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about QSRCHIVE please contact queerstudentresources@stanford.edu.

Thank you so much!

Survey details here!

Paid Research Opportunity!

Online Survey: SF Bay Area Sexual Minority Women's Life Experiences / Substance Use

We are researchers based at the University of California, San Francisco and are seeking study participants to take an online survey about substance use and life experiences among sexual minority women, including experiences with discrimination and violence, outness, acceptance or rejection, and resilience.

To be eligible for the study, you must be 18 years or older, identify as a non-heterosexual woman (trans and gender expansive identities welcome), live in the San Francisco Bay area, and use alcohol, marijuana, and/or other drugs.

You will earn $10 for completing the survey.

For more information, please visit: https://tiny.ucsf.edu/smwsub

Thank you for your time!

September LGBTQ+ Observances

View the GLAAD LGBTQ+ Community Calendar

September 18: National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day
Led by the AIDS Institute, NHAAD is observed each year to highlight the increasing number of people who, thanks to major advancements in HIV treatment, are living long, full lives with HIV. Read more and explore resources at the NHAAD website here.

Week of September 23: Bisexual+ Awareness Week, culminates in Celebrate Bisexuality Day on September 23
Bisexual+ Awareness Week seeks to celebrate and promote education around bi+ (bisexual, pansexual, fluid, no label, queer, etc.) identities. Access resources from the Bisexual Resource Center website here.

September 27: National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
The observance raises awareness about stopping HIV stigma and encouraging HIV testing, prevention, and treatment for HIV among gay and bisexual men, who often face multiple challenges—such as racism, homophobia, discrimination, and stigma—which may increase the risk of HIV. Explore resources, find HIV services, and learn about PrEP and PEP at the AIDS United website here.

Thank you all for your continued partnership and support!

In solidarity,

The LGBTQ+ Health Program Executive Committee

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